

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1398

Introduced by Assembly Member Plescia

February 22, 2005

An act to add Division 40 (commencing with Section 60000) to the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1398, as introduced, Plescia. Life sciences.

Existing law sets forth provisions relating to the protection of the public health, including the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, supporting pluripotent stem cell and progenitor cell research and other vital medical technologies, for the development of life-saving regenerative medical treatments and cures.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact provisions that will encourage life science companies to locate, and conduct business, in California.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Division 40 (commencing with Section 60000)
2 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

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4 DIVISION 40. LIFE SCIENCE POLICY

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6 60000. This division shall be known as the California State
7 Life Sciences Policy Act of 2005.

8 60001. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

1 (a) California, due in large part to the University of California
2 and California State University systems, has historically been a
3 pioneer in technological advancement.

4 (b) From aerospace to the Internet, California has led the
5 world in the development of new technology propelling its
6 economy and the quality of life of its citizens to the very apex of
7 civilization.

8 (c) As the high-tech boom of the late 90s continues to wane,
9 Californians seek the next technological surge that can provide
10 our economy with the momentum it needs to compete in the 21st
11 century.

12 (d) It appears that the life sciences industry is that next great
13 leap forward.

14 (e) The life sciences industry has the potential to significantly
15 improve the health, welfare, safety, and longevity of
16 Californians.

17 (f) Use of biotechnology in medicine has put researchers on
18 the path to the discovery of cures for diseases that previously
19 eluded them.

20 (g) This technology also has the promise to make the foods we
21 eat cheaper, safer, and more environmentally friendly.

22 60002. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation
23 that will encourage life science companies to locate and conduct
24 business in California.